

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An elevator comprising:

a car placed in a elevator shaft so as to move vertically along a pair of car guide rails;

a counterweight placed in the elevator shaft so as to move vertically along a pair of counterweight guide rails, and connected to the car by a rope extending around a sheave of the counterweight with an axis of rotation; and

a hoisting machine for driving the rope and including a sheave of the hoisting machine with an axis of rotation;

wherein the hoisting machine is mounted on a base attached to the upper ends of the pair of counterweight guide rails and the upper end of one of the pair of car guide rails, ~~and~~;

the hoisting machine overlaps the car in a projection on a horizontal plane;

the base has three parts respectively mounted on the upper ends of the pair of counterweight guide rails and the upper end of one of the pair of car guide rails; and

the axis of rotation of the sheave of the hoisting machine is non-parallel relative to the axis of rotation of the sheave of the counterweight.

Claim 2 (Original): The elevator according to claim 1, wherein

the rope has one end attached to a rope-suspending member, and the rope suspending member is mounted on the base.

Claim 3 (Original): The elevator according to claim 1, wherein

the base is mounted on the upper ends of the pair of counterweight guide rails and the upper end of one of the pair of car guide rails through rubber vibration isolators held between

the base and the upper ends of the pair of counterweight guide rails and one of the pair of car guide rails.

Claim 4 (Original): The elevator according to claim 1, wherein
the hoisting machine and the car partially overlap each other.

Claim 5 (Original): The elevator according to claim 1, wherein
a straight line extending between the pair of counterweight guide rails, and a straight
line extending between the pair of car guide rails are perpendicular to each other.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Original): The elevator according to claim 1, wherein
the base is mounted on the upper ends of the counterweight guide rails and the upper
end of one of the pair of car guide rails through length-adjustable shims held between the
base and the upper ends of the pair of counterweight guide rails and one of the pair of car
guide rails.

Claim 8 (Original): The elevator according to claim 3, wherein
the rubber vibration isolators are provided with bolt holes, respectively.

Claim 9 (Original): The elevator according to claim 3, wherein
the base has a rectangular shape, the hoisting machine is disposed on a part near one
end of the base, and the rope-suspending member is disposed on a part near the other end of
the base.

Claim 10 (Original): The elevator according to claim 1, wherein
the center of gravity of the hoisting machine is near one of the guide rails.

Claim 11 (New): The elevator device according to claim 1, wherein
a straight line extending between the pair of counterweight guide rails and the axis of
the hoisting machine are perpendicular to each other.

Claim 12 (New): The elevator device according to claim 1, wherein
the hoisting machine has a shape extending lengthwise in the direction of its axis.

Claim 13 (New): The elevator device according to claim 1, wherein
the axis of rotation of the sheave of the hoisting machine is perpendicular to the axis
of rotation of the sheave of the counterweight.